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## NSW v. Cardiff City

# DECIDING TIE WEDNESDAY

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Last Sunday's NSW v. Cardiff City match at the Sydney Showground went pretty much the way most people expected — the score that is!

If the final result — a 1-1 draw — raised no eyebrows, the same cannot be said of the football watched by some 18,000 spectators.

We all knew Cardiff City was not a great team, just a workmanlike, efficient, run-of-the-mill British professional side, no better, no worse than scores of other full-time European teams which still have to hit the high spots.

So we can't really say we were either disappointed or unpleasantly surprised at their performance, because it was more or less what we expected from them.

From the NSW team, frankly, we had hoped for better, brighter things.

On reflection, however, this optimism was quite unrealistic.

How on earth can we expect any local side, either on a State or national level, ever to rise above the mediocre under our present, stone-age set-up?

How realistic is it to expect a team which only trained twice, assembled the morning of the match, and was further hampered by the late withdrawals of key forwards eye to extend, let alone beat, a professional team?

The point was never driven home more cruelly than last Sunday.

Here was a pedestrian team with no outstanding individuals, yet even against this very ordinary opposition NSW were never in control of the match.

The initiative, as always, was left to the visitors, who always set the pattern of the match.

Not once did NSW grab the initiative, not once did the subdued spectators in the half empty Showground sense that the game was slipping from the visitors' grasp, and quite symptomatically only once, apart from Smith's equaliser, did NSW ever look like scoring.

If Cardiff City were held to a draw they can only blame themselves. It was their shortcomings, especially glaring in attack, which forced them to concede a draw rather than NSW's "brilliance".

NSW played exactly how 11 strangers, with little in common, will always perform: like a collection of spare parts.

There was no cohesion between defence and attack, resulting in a gaping "no man's land" in midfield where Cardiff reigned supreme.

As is almost always the case with local sides, it was every man to himself and all the NSW players could do in these circumstances was to hope for the best.

And the best in this case once again was a hard-earned draw due to the admirable guts and courage our defences invariably display in the face of overwhelming odds.

The return match at the Sydney Sportsground on Wednesday night will almost certainly again produce a close result, it might even again end in draw, but unless a miracle occurs in the next few days we'll again have to sweat blood to get away with a draw.

And in soccer, alas, there are no miracles.

## BIG MATCH PHOTO-ACTION



Cardiff City's speedy left winger Bird was a constant menace to the NSW goal. Here goalie Corry saves from Bird with what appears to be a sliding tackle with Marnoch looking on approvingly.

# Aust. Cup nears end

All four semifinalists of the 1968 Australia Cup should be known by the end of the month.

The much delayed, postponed early rounds in the western group are almost completed.

Prague and Hakoah, the two Sydney semifinalists from the eastern group, who qualified weeks ago, won't have much longer to wait now for the identity of their opponents.

Prague will meet the winner of the Hakoah-Melbourne v. Croatia-Melbourne quarterfinal while Hakoah-Sydney's opponent will be Juventus-Melbourne or Azzurri of Perth, the giant-killers of the current series.

Once the western quarterfinals are completed, the four semifinalists will have to agree on dates for the two-legged home-and-away semis which must be completed by the end of September.

The final, if it involves teams from different States will be played on a home-and-away basis on the first two Sundays in October.

If the two finalists are from the same State the final will be held in Sydney or in Melbourne on Sunday, October 6.

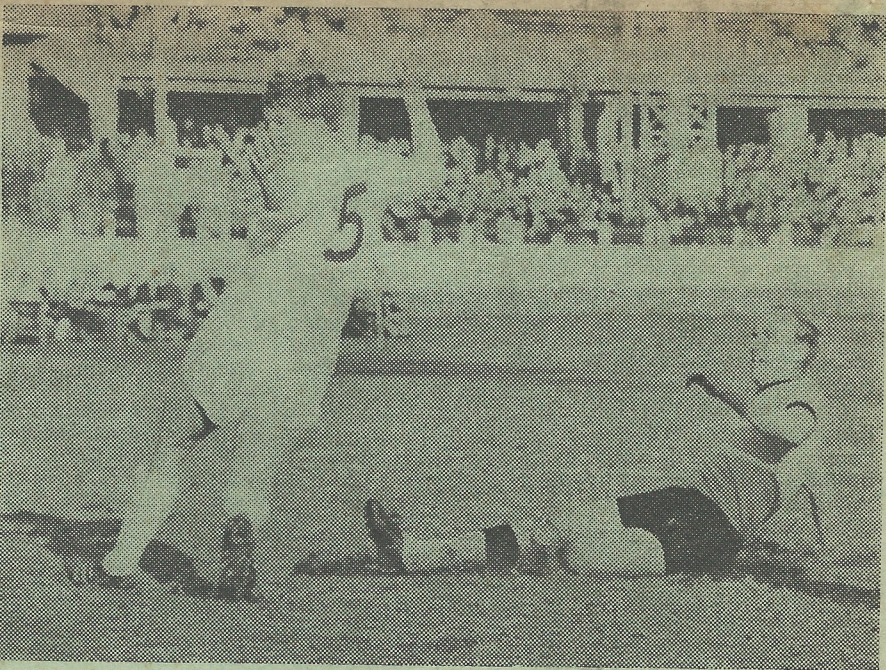
The early rounds of the 1968 Australia Cup have proved a dismal flop in Victoria where public response has been almost nil.

In Sydney, however, mid-week floodlit elimination ties attracted reasonably good crowds.

The big upset so far has been Azzurri Perth's second round 2-1 win over South Melbourne-Hellas, a semifinalist in 1965 and 1966.

At this early stage, Hakoah-Sydney must be favored to repeat their 1965 Australia Cup victory, and are clearly the team to beat, but the other semifinal between Prague and the winner of Croatia and Hakoah of Melbourne appears wide open.

The winner of the 1968 Australia Cup will again win \$3,000, the runner-up \$1,600 and the two beaten semifinalists \$750 each.



NSW inside forward Brian Smith, sprawling on the ground, still gets his shot past Cardiff City stopper Murray. Smith scored NSW's equaliser and was, at least in the first half, our most enterprising forward.

## NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH
Hakoah	11	7	4	—	21	8	18	4	3	1	—	9	4	7	7	4	3	—	12	4	11	Canterbury *
Pan Hellenic	11	7	1	3	21	12	15	7	6	—	1	17	7	12	4	1	1	2	4	5	3	Croatia
Polonia	11	6	3	2	18	14	15	7	3	2	2	11	11	8	4	3	1	—	7	3	7	Prague
Prague	11	6	2	3	27	18	14	4	3	1	—	11	1	7	7	3	1	3	16	17	7	Polonia *
APIA	11	5	4	2	21	15	14	4	3	1	—	9	3	7	7	2	3	2	12	12	7	Yugal *
Croatia	11	5	2	4	19	18	12	5	2	2	1	8	6	6	6	3	—	3	11	12	6	Pan Hellenic *
SCU.	11	4	3	4	24	15	11	5	4	—	1	20	6	8	6	—	3	3	4	9	3	St. George *
Yugal	11	3	3	5	14	19	9	7	2	3	2	9	9	7	4	1	—	3	5	10	2	APIA
St. George	11	3	2	6	11	16	8	7	2	1	4	6	12	5	4	1	1	2	5	4	3	SCU.
Melita Eagles	11	2	3	6	7	14	7	5	—	3	2	4	7	3	6	2	—	4	3	7	4	Manly *
Canterbury	11	2	1	8	12	32	5	5	2	—	3	7	11	4	6	—	1	5	5	21	1	Hakoah
Manly	11	1	2	8	12	26	4	7	—	1	6	5	16	1	4	1	1	2	7	10	3	Melita Eagles



## READERS' LETTERS

AGONISED GROAN AT  
"EASTERN GRUNT"

May I be allowed space in your excellent paper to answer the "Eastern Grunt" (June 7) appearing in your pages by an agonised groan.

I groan at the thought of criticism of any kind emanating from the Eastern Suburbs directed at the clubs as without any doubt whatsoever, the district is the most ingloriously mismanaged anywhere in this State.

In spite of all Mr. Robertson's criticisms, I dare say that the constituent clubs of the association are much more efficiently run than the district's management committee, the body of officials that looks after the day-to-day affairs of the association.

At this juncture I might add that I am speaking from three years' experience as a member of this M.C., from which I retired at the end of last season.

And an experience it certainly was!

One might excuse the failings of the members of this M.C. on account of their inexperience, if it was not for the fact that they have trouble filling positions on the committee, as with the odd exceptions, any persons with an inkling of soccer know-how refuse to accept any positions because they have no stomach for the antics of a majority of the members.

It is no accident that two of the major clubs, Pan Hellenic and Hakoah, have not nominated anybody for the M.C. for this season.

The association shows an attitude of intolerable high-handedness and insolence to senior members of constituent clubs in a way that has to be seen to be believed, alienating almost anyone of experience who might be willing to help.

It is more than a mere coincidence that the number of teams playing in the association has dropped dramatically in the last few years.

In spite of this undeniable fact the president has the temerity to suggest that the "association is in a far stronger position than ever before."

If his argument is followed through to its logical conclusion, then the E.S.S.F.A. will be at its strongest the day it goes out of existence.

I suggest that unless the members of the Management Committee forget about their numerous petty personal grudges, show more respect to club officials and a greater willingness to listen and show more plain commonsense, that dark day may not be far off.

Meanwhile, until improvements are made in the central administration of the district I suggest that we forget about criticism of the senior clubs and stop dragging out the xenophobic "red herring" of the so-called nationalistic clubs.

Peter Scott

## MISSING REFEREES

May I, through your paper, ask the Appointments Board of the NSW Federation Referees why the Inter Suburban League is being denied official referees and linesmen.

Over the last three weeks, I have attended First Division matches and on each occasion no more than two official referees were in attendance.

On one of these occasions only one turned up and had to do both games.

I am fully aware that there is a shortage of official referees but couldn't an effort be made to assure that three are in attendance at each First Division game, as it is from this division that a team will be promoted up to Second Division and every match is a vital one.

On June 15 there were no First Division games and only two Second Division games, yet at the Inter-Suburban game where I was present, only two "Men in Black" turned up.

I hope the Appointments Board will give this matter some consideration and give the Inter Suburban League a "fair go."

Inter Suburban Fan  
(Name withheld at writer's request).

## POLITICAL REALITY

The real point of Mr. MacKenzie's letter (14/6/68) seems to be a contention that NSW should be known as the Southern NSW Federation.

I feel he should know that the entire position of both Federations in this affair is farcical.

Neither Federation does much to help the code in the areas away from Newcastle and Sydney.

In fact the NSW Amateur Association has done far more than either to build up the country game. The NSW CHS also recognises only one State — New South Wales itself.

If NSW and Northern NSW want to build up soccer, they should cease fragmenting the game, and come together as one State.

Then we will have a Country Football Association worthy of the name, and we will get an inflow of country footballers.

Autonomy for the country is the real answer to the question of progress.

The fact that Newcastle gets a vote in the Australian Federation is a political reality, but there are ways of handling the voting position once the principles of correct management are applied to the organisation of the game in — I repeat — NEW SOUTH WALES.

J. F. Rigby,  
Silverwater.

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## SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The NSW Council of First Division clubs last Monday night adopted a suggestion by Prague secretary, George Warner, that a permanent NSW squad of 22 be formed immediately. Two players will be selected for each position and the squad will train together at least twice a month. This is a realistic, positive move, which should have been enforced years ago.

Western Suburbs and Polonia met in TRIAL GAMES in all grades at Drummoyne Oval last Saturday. The first and second grades ended in 2-2 draws and Wests won the third grade match 3-0.

Bankstown Soccer Club will stage a six-a-side COMPETITION with cash prizes at the end of the current championship open to all First and Second Division Federation clubs. A fortnight ago they staged a very successful six-a-side series for all age teams in the Bankstown district. Regents Park won the First Division and North Bankstown the Second Division.

University of New South Wales Club secretary, BILL JAMESON, has been honored by his appointment to the Blues Committee, which evaluates performances for all sports at the University, and makes recommendations for the award of Blues. A former leading referee, Jameson is believed to be the first appointee in Sydney to such a position from the soccer code.

The Australian Prime Minister, JOHN GORTON, has agreed to become the patron of the Australian Coaches Federation.

LANE COVE United will hold their annual ball at the Lane Cove Town Hall on Friday, July 19. Admission is \$3.00. Ring 42-4774 for reservations.

Three new British players will arrive on Friday evening to join the struggling St. George-Budapest. Last week we mentioned two already, Fred McCalliog and Stan Nowakowski. The third is 23-year-old WILLIAM (Joe) KANE, from Gravesend, a former Huddersfield Town and England schoolboy international inside forward.

There will be a big GALA social day at Mona Park on Sunday when Western Suburbs and Auburn meet in under-8, under-13, ladies and veteran matches. In the main "old boys" match Wests will be represented by such names as Joe Marston, Albert De Paoli, Harry Robertson and Jock MacMahon while Len Quested and the Hendersons will play for Auburn. Proceeds are in aid of Western Suburbs' Miss Australia Quest contestant, Jeannette Johnson.

Former St. George star, GEORGE YARDLEY, is making a fine impression on female fans as well as soccer critics in England. In a voting contest to find the "most attractive footballer" in Britain, George is placed equal

eighth with 18,756 votes. As a matter of interest, the ten most attractive footballers in Britain are: George Best (32,871); George Ley (Portsmouth, 24,144); Jim Baxter (Nottingham, 21,704); Emllyn Hughes (Liverpool, 21,079); Eddie Gray (Leeds, 20,694); Wyn Davies (Newcastle, 20,224); Trevor Hocking (Birmingham, 19,463); John Samsels (Arsenal), George Yardley (Tranmere) and Ian Callaghan (Liverpool), 18,756 votes each.

We're  
poorer...

We announce with regret that Alan Speers is leaving "Soccer World".

Alan who has been writing for us for 18 months, has become in this short time one of the most respected soccer writers in Sydney.

It was almost inevitable that some large publications would approach him with an offer.

They did just that — and as a result, Alan is joining the "Herald" as from Monday as their soccer writer.

While we hate losing him, we wish him the best of luck in his new career.

Night-watchmen and owls will be happy to know that at 11.20 p.m. on Thursday the ABC will screen a film of the 1968 SCOTTISH CUP final.

Prague will make a presentation to skipper LES SCHEINFLUG at their "Hawaiian Night" at the Maccabean Hall, Darlinghurst, on Saturday. The award is to mark Les' 400 appearances since joining the club in 1956.

The TASMAN CUP has reached the second round proper. Matches, with home team shown first, are: Borragul v. Manly; Newcastle v. Enmore; Granville v. Jesmond; Port Hacking v. Carlingbah; Balgowlah v. Randwick; Cardiff v. Strathfield St.; Narrabeen v. Cleveland St.; Cessnock v. Arthur Phillip; Berkeley v. Corral; Epping v. Marsden; Punchbowl v. Bankstown; Gympie v. Condell Park; Liverpool v. James Cook; Ryde v. Sefton; Newcastle Tech. v. Ibrox Park; Hunter's Hill v. Macquarie.

## Foot-tennis

Results of last Monday's Foot-Tennis matches at the St. George-Budapest clubhouse:

Rafanelli-Lang (Yugal) d. Bottalico-Vasvari (APIA) 21-16, 14-21, 21-17; Taylor-Longmuir (APIA) d. Page-Groll (Croatia) 21-10, 21-10; Schaefer-Stegbauer (St. George) d. Hearn-Blitz (Pan Hellenic) 21-12, 21-14; Venglos-M. Lissing (Prague) d. Wilson-Keddie (Hakoah) 21-8, 21-13.

The second round starts next Monday when the following games will be played: Manuel-Parkhouse (Prague) v. Zuckerman-Schauman (St. George); Yaager-Watkiss (Hakoah) v. Hardley-Jagger (Manly); Sambrook-Ackerley (APIA) v. Tamandl-Sagi; Wesely-Schwarz (Riverside) v. Taylor-Longmuir (APIA) and Hewlett-Woods (Melita) v. Barnett-Gardiner (Hakoah).

Polonia are negotiating with Yugal's transfer-listed ILJA TAKAC.

Yugal are holding their mid-season DANCE at their clubhouse, 256 Crown Street, Darlinghurst, this Saturday. Everybody welcome.

AFTER-MATCH  
COMMENTS

JIM SCOULAR, Cardiff manager: "The boys can do better. The local side put up stiff opposition, but we'll be prepared for the return match."

BRIAN HARRIS, Cardiff's skipper: "It's hard to say whether the standard has improved since my last visit because Everton was a stronger team than Cardiff. The standard of refereeing, however, has definitely not improved. Sunday's ref. was incredible!"



FRANK PARSONS, NSW team manager: "Considering our injuries and lack of adequate preparation, the team did as well as could be expected. With a full team we would have won."

LES SCHEINFLUG: "Don't let anybody tell you Cardiff weren't trying. Their officials were so agitated on the bench, you would have thought a World Cup final was in progress!"

ALLAN MARNOCH: "The team played as well as their professional opponents. With a more determined attack we would have well and truly come out on top."

JOHN TOSHACK: "The ground was unfit for football. If the Sportsground has a better surface I'm certain you'll see better football from all of us."

Referee TONY BOSKOVIC: "Australia might not have the best referees in the world, but they're certainly good enough for players of Cardiff's calibre. Their recriminations sound like sour grapes to me. Had they won, they probably would have been all smiles. A referee can only control the game as well as the players play it."

NSW Federation president, JIM BAYUTTI: "The boys were every bit as skilled as their professional opponents. Cardiff only

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# APIA SEEN AS THREAT TO HAKOAH IN THE SECOND ROUND

— By LOU GAUTIER —

With half the championship over, the battle at both ends of the competition table is really on and the second round, which starts this weekend, should provide plenty of thrills.

Hakoah, enjoying a three-point lead on top, is the only team almost assured of a berth in the final play-offs.

The other three places are wide open, with any of six teams still in the running.

At the foot of a remarkably compact ladder, Manly and Canterbury are fighting it out, tooth and nail, to avoid relegation, but Melita Eagles and St. George are not out of the woods yet.

This is how I see the prospects of the 12 teams as the second round is about to kick-off:

## Hakoah

For the first time in their history Hakoah occupy first place with such a comfortable lead.

They deserve it, let me hasten to add.

Hakoah are unbeaten since August 1967 and though they lost four points this season, only against APIA, in very particular circumstances, did they ever look like losing.

Never losing their composure under pressure, and held together by stopper Allan Marnoch, the most useful player in Sydney soccer, Hakoah's defence is quite peerless.

Their forward-line on paper looks even more formidable, with names like Watkiss and Baartz, but is still very perfectible.

Once the forwards emulate their team-mates in defence there will truly be a stamp of greatness, still lacking now, about them.

Hakoah appear a solid enough leader and though many unforeseen events may crop up in the next weeks, it will take a super-effort by their rivals to topple them.

## Pan Hellenic

Pan Hellenic have never been placed so high on the table at this stage of the competition.

Their place in the play-offs, however, is far from secure, what with so many other contenders breathing down their neck.

Pan Hellenic's forward-line, so potent earlier, has lost some of its edge of late, and a big improvement is required in the next few weeks.

Otherwise guts, fighting spirit and the enthusiasm of their fans alone won't keep Pan Hellenic in the "four".

The team, somehow, doesn't offer too many guarantees of consistency and, in my book at least, Pan Hellenic

## Polonia

It would have taken a bold man to predict such an exalted position for Polonia at the start of the competition.

Yet, here they are, sharing second place, and entirely on merit at that.

Polonia earned their success with splendid defensive work centred around stopper Dzialach and cleverly executed breakaways in attack.

Polonia's recipe for success has been to amass the maxi-

Prague are in the lucky position of playing eight of their remaining 11 matches at Marks Field.

The home ground advantage, allied to the team's unquenchable spirit and ability should be more than enough to secure their place in the top four.

## APIA

APIA, I feel, represent the greatest threat to Hakoah's championship aspirations.

They haven't lost in six weeks, and now that the many internal problems which plagued them in the early rounds have been ironed out, they seem set for a paralyzing run in the home straight.

Once they recover the injured Blue, and if Giacometti confirms his overdue return to form, the APIA forward-line will take some stopping.

Defenders like Van Blerk, Ackerley, Hughes and Botalico, still have what it takes to curb the most dangerous forwards, and I expect them to regroup into a formidable rearguard for the rest of the season.

APIA may no longer have that aura of invincibility about them, but it still

playing some of the best football of his Australian career, has transformed a once obsessively defence-minded outfit into a bright, attacking side, most enjoyable to watch.

With its defence as reliable as ever, Croatia should throw out a bold challenge for top four honors and play a prominent role in the second round.

## South Coast

The provincials' ambitions must be limited because of their physical inability to win away from home.



RON MCGARY

They are still chasing the Sydney win which has eluded them for nearly two years, and their shock defeat at home to Manly didn't serve their cause either.

South Coast's British imports haven't set the world on fire yet, and we doubt whether they ever will.

Though United had semifinal ambitions, and probably still have, a middle-of-the-table position is much more in line with the very ordinary talent available.

## St. George

Too close to the relegation zone for comfort, last year's Grand Final winners are in urgent need of new blood.

This may be provided by their new British signings, on whom their final placing may largely depend.

The current players appear to be utterly demoralized, and at times have only gone through the motions without much conviction.

The once powerful St. George attack could only manage 11 goals in as many matches (only Melita have done worse so far) and the pressure on their defence is too severe to achieve results more in keeping with their standing.

Depending on their new signings, Saints will either get a new lease of life in the second round and move up several places, or remain in the depressing depths of the table.

## Yugal

Yugal, especially in defence, have started to click in recent weeks and their immediate future, at least, should present no worries.

Always capable of rising to the occasion, Yugal seem to play better against the top teams.

Against weaker opposition, however, they have lost many valuable points which might have enabled them to retain an interest in the fight for the final play-offs.

As things stand Yugal are likely to occupy a middle-of-the-table position and continue to upset the better teams.

## Melita Eagles

Since amassing five points in their first four matches, Melita have only gained another two.

And what's more they haven't won since they beat Yugal 1-0 with a last-minute goal on April 20.

On the credit side, however, the Eagles have held APIA, St. George and Hakoah to draws at Mona Park where they have acquired quite a reputation.

All their defeats have been by narrow margins, testifying to the solidity of their defence.

Their attack, however, is the most impotent in the business, and unless some miracle occurs in that department, Melita Eagles will finish near the bottom despite the money spent on new players this year.

## Canterbury

At this stage last year, the Berries, after an equally depressing start, were riding on the crest of an all-conquering wave which almost brought them into the semifinals.

This year all they can hope for is to avoid relegation, no mean feat considering the dearth of real top talent at their disposal and some of their internal problems.

New coach Ninaus has the



GERRY HOOD

if the team is to repulse successfully Manly's determined efforts to hand over the dreaded wooden spoon.

## Manly

Despite their last place, Manly are far from resigned to instant relegation.

Their last three outings are living proof they intend to cling on for dear life.

Slowly, but surely, the seashiders are adapting to the rigors of First Division and are toughening up with every match.

Through relegation is still a very serious possibility, Manly are far from dead and buried yet, as a few teams will no doubt discover at their expense in coming weeks.

## TEAM OF THE MID-COMPETITION

At the half-way mark of the First Division championship, this is the "team of the mid-competition", based on points awarded weekly:

CORY (Croatia)		
LINCOLN (Croatia)	MARNOCH (Hakoah)	ACKERLEY (APIA)
DE BRUIN (Melita)		RAFANELI (Yugal)
CLISS (St. George)	SCHEINFLUG (Prague)	MCGARRY (SCU)
REYNOLDS (Croatia)		ARMYTAGE (Prague)

## TOTTENHAM KEEN TO TOUR

Tottenham, the crack English club, would be very interested in touring Australia next year if officially approached.

Their club secretary told me Tottenham likes short off-season tours, but would consider a longer tour of Australia.

Sheffield Wednesday are also interested in a similar proposition.

Celtic, approached by the ASF for a tour next season, is a risky proposition because of their 1968-69 European Cup commitments.

The feeling in Britain is that the ace Glasgow club may make amends this coming season for their 1967-68 failure in the European Champions' Cup.

— Paul Dean



TONY KOMODER

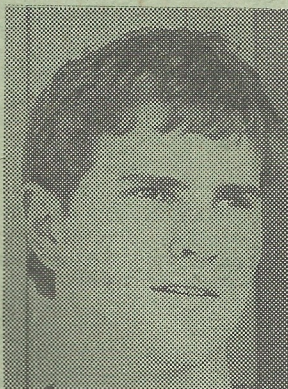
mum of points against the so-called weaker teams while snatching the odd point against the other teams vying for the semis.

This trend may, or may not continue in the second round.

Only time will tell, but I have a hunch that the next couple of rounds will indicate whether Polonia can stay in the race or drop back to middle class status.

## Prague

After a series of ups and downs, coinciding with a spate of injuries, Prague



GARY MANUEL

occupy a promising fourth place, only one point removed from second place.

Their intelligent long-range policy is now bearing fruit and with a coach of the calibre of Joe Venglos at the helm, a skipper like Les Scheinflug, the very heart and soul of Prague, and some of the country's most talented local-born talent, it is little wonder that Prague qualify as Sydney's most exciting team.

They still lack the polish and sparkle of the Prague of old, but Prague in 1968 has again become the team which attracts the neutral, unattached spectators — those who appreciate the finer points of the game.



JUAN SILEONI

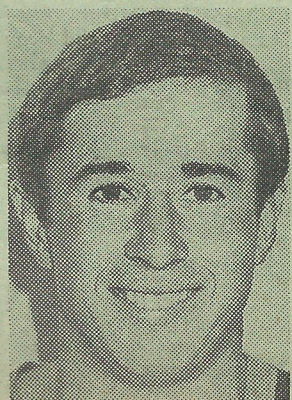
takes a mighty strong team to toss them — and for all their woes this season only twice have they tasted defeat in the championship.

## Croatia

After a disastrous start, caused by coaching problems and injuries to key players, Croatia are now among the form teams of the championship.

Undefeated since April 28, Bill Vrolyks' charges have looked good in recent weeks and appear definite semifinal material.

The return of the Cush brothers, especially the talented Ray, whose goals paved the way for Souths' comeback, and Reynolds, now



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are the likeliest to drop out of the top four with Polonia by the time the championship is completed.



# "Bluebirds" concede 1-1 draw to game NSW

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Months of sustained pressure in European and domestic football have taken their toll of Jimmy Scoular's Cardiff City team.

All the signs of strain and weariness were there in their drawn match with NSW at the Sydney Showground last Sunday.

Though well on top in the closing stages, the Welsh champions lacked the penetrative sparkle that carried them so far in the European Cup Winners' Cup a few months ago.

Only the rigid discipline that blooms in the hothouse of professional soccer pulled them safely through their first clash with the New South Welshmen.

Whereas in the past it has been an accepted thing for touring teams to have a yard or two in pace on NSW and Australian sides, the NSW team lost nothing in comparison.

swept the ball upfield and the ball was quickly centred to Jones, who had moved inside.

Jones nodded it down to Clark, whose volley from close-range caught Corry diving too late.

NSW were not disheartened.

Smith, having missed an easy scoring chance earlier when Blitz squeezed his free kick inside the Cardiff defensive wall, worked like a trojan to atone.

He was rewarded in the 23rd minute when, escaping the attention of his "shadow" Murray, he feinted to the right, sent Davies the wrong way, and glided the ball just inside the left upright.

For fully 10 minutes, NSW were on top of the unsettled tourists.

Cliss, free for a moment just outside the penalty area, shot quickly only to see the ball charged down by Murray, then, at the other end, King squandered

a chance laid on by the industrious Clark.

Slowly, however, Cardiff regained their composure.

It was obvious that NSW lacked a striker.

Westwater, like King playing a deep-lying role, was more prominent in defence than in raids on the Cardiff goal, while Smith was finding the way to goal effectively blocked by Murray and Harris.

The second half, with the shadows creeping down over the ground, was something of an anti-climax.

Cardiff's strong-tackling defenders had all but mastered the NSW forwards, but their own attack was spasmodic, slow to build up and largely ineffective.

Bird still troubled Lincoln, and Clark's power brought the best out of Corry on several occasions, but there seemed to be tacit acceptance by both teams that a draw would be the most honorable result.

And, if the NSW for-

wards had stolen the honors in the first half, the home defence were the heroes after the interval.

Marnoch, beaten in the air by Toshack, was by now well on top of the young Welshman, and he and Schaefer — operating as twin centre halves — were virtually impassable.

Behind them Corry, faultless except for his slowness in reacting to the danger when Clark scored, dealt superbly with everything that came his way.

Details:

NSW: Corry; Lincoln, Ackerley, Schaefer, Marnoch, Yaeger, Blitz, Smith, Westwater, Cliss, Jones (Giles).

Cardiff City: Davies, Carver, Ferguson, Clarke, Murray, Harris, Jones, Clark, King, Toshack, Bird.

Scorers: Smith 23 min. for NSW, Clark 15 min. for Cardiff.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 18,268.

## Marnoch pick of NSW's rearguard

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Yaeger, Westwater, Corry, Schaefer, Smith, and especially skipper Marnoch, were the pick of the NSW team last Sunday.

Smith excepted, the local forward-line rarely manifested itself.

This is how I saw the locals perform:

CORRY had another great international match. Safe as a house he earned applause for his handling and positioning.

LINCOLN tackled hard and broke up many attacks but his passing and clearances under pressure were misdirected and winger Bird gave him the run-around in the second round. ACKERLEY was all heart

and guts. May lack polish in this company, but more than makes up for it with his drive and all-action forays down the wing.

SCHAEFER was a tower of strength. Permanently clinched a State berth with excellent tackling, good cover-defence and lead-up work.

MARNOCH was his usual imperial self after an abnormally shaky first 15 minutes or so. Never gave Toshack a look in, he was perhaps the best player on the field in the second half.

YAAGER had a good international debut. Tired a bit in the second half after a dynamic first half display, he still rates amongst the best local players.

BLITZ gave up the chase in the second half when nothing went right for him. Rarely got past his fullback and lost many balls.

SMITH played his heart out. In the first half he was the most dangerous forward on the field, chasing every ball and scoring a goal. After the interval his stamina gave out.

WESTWATER in a mid-field role, centred on defence, broke up many Cardiff attacks and moved forward himself when the need arose. Must be credited with a good game all-round.

CLISS never reproduced his best club form. Showed a few glimpses of his skillful ball control, but appeared out of condition and was rarely seen in the second half.

JONES was a "passenger" throughout, never justifying his shock selection. His late replacement, GILES, at least showed some dash and gusto the short time he was on the field.



BRIAN HARRIS

Only Bird, whose speed and sleight of foot on the left wing caused Lincoln great anxiety, was able to consistently force the NSW defence to turn.

He and inside-forward Clark, who scored Cardiff's only goal, were the stars of a strangely lethargic Cardiff attack.

When Clark opened the scoring for the visitors in the 15th minute, the NSW defence was conspicuous by its absence.

Breaking quickly out of attack, right fullback Carver

## Newcastle put up a spirited fight

Northern NSW, though beaten 2-0 by Cardiff City at the Newcastle Sportsground last Saturday, were anything but disgraced.

The Northerners, actually, were unlucky on a number of occasions not to score.

Davies was in great form in goal for the Bluebirds and pulled off several good saves.

If the Novocastrians had played veteran winger Bruce Morrow a little more they may have scored at least once because Morrow's speed often caught the Cardiff defence on the hop.

The halftime score of 0-0 shows just how close it was. Straight from the kick-off in the second half Northern NSW went close to scoring again, but in the 52nd minute it was Cardiff who opened the score through fullback M. Clarke.

From then on, the visitors gained control, twice just missing goals.

Fifteen minutes from the end, B. Clark made it 2-0 to clinch a closely fought game.

Davies, M. Clarke and Harris starred for the Welsh side, and Lloyd, F. Woods and Morrow were Newcastle's best.

Details: Northern NSW: F. Woods; J. Woods, Curran; Schneider, Gallagher, Lloyd; Morrow, Brady, Doyle, Snedden, Dunne.

Cardiff City: Davies; Carver, Ferguson; M. Clarke, Murray, Harris; Jones, Dean, King, B. Clark, Lea.

Scorers: M. Clarke 52 min., B. Clark 75 min. for Cardiff.

Referee: G. Muir.

Crowd: 7,250.

— EDDIE EVANS

## Soccer has finally become a team sport

— By PAUL DEAN —

If it's true that time sweetens memories, it's probably also true that distance tends to distort one's judgement.

Here in Australia most of us are apt to be constantly and thoroughly dissatisfied with our soccer, seeking out the bad features and overlooking the good ones.

We are also inclined to believe that everybody kicking a ball in Europe is a genius, every match is a spectacular thriller and those lucky, lucky fans in England and elsewhere live a full life based largely on pleasure derived from watching grand soccer.

Nothing could be further from reality. Indeed, one must go to Europe every now and then in order to gain or regain a correct perspective.

Top European football is, of course, somewhat different from ours.

But much of this difference stems from their superb fitness, strength, tactical discipline and well drilled moves, rather than individual brilliance.

The so-called "great players" are less and less visible in Europe; I don't think I saw more than five in the European Champions' Cup final or the European championship finals.

To an increasing degree, coaches and managers rely on technically accomplished players who are fit, strong, can "read" the game and can fit into a required pattern.

What does it all entail? Simply this: the teams I recently saw in action play like teams; most of ours don't.

The rigidly fixed positions in a good class European team no longer exist; with the exception of the second stopper or sweeper (Holcer of Yugoslavia, Labone of England, Foulkes of Manchester United, etc.), all the others can bob up anywhere on the pitch.

This is what Dr. Willy Meisl many years ago predicted would be the modern trend and called it the "whirl".

This is more like basketball used to be where all five players attack and defend as the need arises.

All this is done intelligently, with a purpose, not just according to the whims of the individual.

To play this kind of football, every single player must be prepared to play off the ball which means a very great deal of running, much of it seemingly unnecessary.

But this is the only way to create openings in the tight defences, to catch a stopper or fullback on the wrong foot.

Possession of the ball is also vital. All teams, especially the ball-playing sides like Benfica and Yugoslavia, stroke the ball from man to man, patiently, precisely,

playing it sideways or backwards a dozen times before finally somebody can break through and receive that vital final pass.

The days of aimless long sprints are over; teams rely more on brains than bravado.

This has undoubtedly robbed football of some of its spectacle but has made it more scientific and more elaborate.

And it's no use bemoaning the "good old days" just as it's pointless to have a nostalgia for the horse and buggy when we have motor cars.

Can we learn this type of football? Without a doubt. But it's far from easy and certain requirements must be met.

● We must have coaches who understand what this modern football is about.

● We must have players capable and willing to vastly increase their work output during a match.

● The clubs must enable coaches and players to train harder, more frequently and under better conditions.

Earlier this year we saw the Japanese and only the most hopelessly biased would deny that their football was more skilled, more rehearsed and more modern than ours.

They have learned this modern game — and so can we.

However, it's unlikely that players now in their prime — let alone past it — can be changed; you can't teach old dogs new tricks.

This kind of work should be started off mainly with the younger players who are more pliable and also more ready to experiment.

Finally, one question: is it worth the trouble to learn this new type of football?

I believe it is. If not for aesthetical reasons then for practical purposes.

Sooner or later every country, including the Asians, will play this modern football which has proved to be more efficient and more successful.

To compete with the world on equal terms, we cannot stay in our old rut or we will be left hopelessly behind.

For the truth is that despite the presence of a fair number of talented and skilled players in our teams, the type of football we play is outmoded.

This cannot be changed by simply talking about 4-2-4 or 4-3-3 systems; these numbers on their own are meaningless.

Our teams must gradually change over to the "whirl" which is the essence of modern football — and which we haven't even grasped yet in Australia.



Referee TONY BOSKOVIC, despite the Cardiff grunts and groans, was his usual firm self and acquitted himself as well as always.





# HAKOAH COULD GO FURTHER IN FRONT

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Unbeaten Hakoah, quietly and confidently going about winning their first premiership, may establish a decisive break on their nearest rivals in this week's club fixtures.

Hakoah meet Canterbury in what should prove a fairly simple assignment, notwithstanding the Berries' improved display against Croatia.

Polonia and Pan Hellenic, closest to the leaders on the table, respectively encounter Prague and Croatia, currently the "form" teams in Sydney.

Should they falter and be beaten, Hakoah will almost certainly be left four points in front.

Our previews:

## Melita Eagles v. Manly

Manly's plucky — and somewhat unlucky — loss to Prague has not shaken their new found confidence, and Melita can ill-afford any complacency, even on their favorite Mona Park.

Denes Adrigan's youngsters have improved simply because the forwards have taken a lot of the burden from



CASEY DE BRUIN  
(Melita Eagles)

their over-worked defence.

Six goals in the last three matches is their tally, but in Eaton, Duffy, Robinson and co. they face up to one of Sydney's most reliable defences.

The Melita forwards, too, will not find it easy to break down the Manly rearguard, with Campbell and Tuinman in grand form.

In Thorne, however, the home team has a potential match winner and he may prove the vital factor in what is sure to be a hard, closely fought battle.

## Prague v. Polonia

Prague, seemingly over the trials and tribulations which affected their form a few weeks ago, will climb above Polonia in the chase after Hakoah if they win here.

At its best, there is no

finer combination in Sydney than Prague, and, with the return of Gary Manuel, they have someone who can convert their delightful midfield soccer into goals.



LARRY ARMYTAGE  
(Prague)

Polonia's giant-killing feats were ended last round by APIA, but they were far from disgraced — and, for long periods, they were on top of APIA.

On the wide open spaces of Marks Field, Prague's greater speed and understanding may bring the reliable Polonia defence undone, and we favor them to win.

## Croatia v. Pan Hellenic

Croatia's revival was halted last round by, of all teams, Canterbury, and on that performance they are no good things to down Pan Hellenic, who returned to the winning list against Melita.



FRANK CUSH  
(Croatia)

From all reports, however, the Berries' temporary possession of the infamous wooden spoon galvanised them into action, so Croatia's perform-

ance may not have been as disappointing as it first seemed.

With the premiership race now at a vital stage, neither team will be satisfied with anything but a win.

Walter Tamandl's switch of Roy Blitz to centre forward, along with other positional changes he made, lent new stability to Pan Hellenic in their win over Melita.

Whether the improvement is permanent remains to be seen, however, and we fancy Croatia to win narrowly, because of their more predictable form.

## APIA v. Yugal

APIA, despite their heartening win over Polonia two weeks ago will view this clash warily.



PAT HUGHES  
(APIA)

Yugal, for reasons best known to themselves, are most dangerous on the big occasion, and almost always trouble APIA.

However, APIA's forwards — with Giacometti and Campana keener than for some time — look the more penetrative bunch, and if they repeat last round's energetic activities, Yugal's defence will have a busy afternoon.

A highlight of the match should be the clash of former Australian skipper, Pat Hughes, and Rafanelli.

We think APIA will win, particularly if Yugal again rely too heavily on Joe Alagich.

## South Coast v. St. George

Given the choice, Saints probably would prefer to be travelling anywhere but to

Woonona, such are the troubles that beset them.

Club officials believe that one resounding win may be the remedy to the malaise that has caused their fall from grace.



GEOFF MORGAN  
(St. George)

Facing South Coast, a two goal better team at home, a convincing win by St. George is unlikely.

In the forwards, only Cliss is in anything like top form, and the resultant stress on the defence is plain for all to see.

South Coast seem to have priced McGarry out of the Sydney market, and he, ironically, could be their trump card against their opponents.

## Hakoah v. Canterbury

Hakoah, marching relentlessly towards premiership honors, are unlikely to stumble against the Berries, having successfully negotiated tougher hurdles.

Still to taste defeat, Hakoah's greatest asset is their ruthless defence, which reckons the "goals against" column is a thing to be scorned.

So far, the ball has entered the Hakoah net only eight times in 11 matches.

In the same period, Canterbury has conceded 32 goals, and scored 12.



JIMMY STEWART  
(Hakoah)

With this sort of evidence, it is impossible to forecast anything but a Hakoah win, even allowing for Canterbury's improved showing against Croatia.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Melita Eagles v. Manly 1-0-0

Their first round encounter, which Melita won 1-0 at Graham's Reserve, was their first-ever meeting.

Melita's forward-line, the lowest-scoring in the league, will be hard up to do better in this weekend's return leg.

### Prague v. Polonia 5-2-2

The teams drew 2-2 in the first match of the championship in what was then regarded as a shock result.

Polonia, however, proved subsequently the draw was no fluke, and are actually one point ahead of Prague at the halfway mark of the championship.

Prague haven't lost at home this year where they've only conceded one goal.

### Croatia v. Pan Hellenic 3-3-5

Pan Hellenic's 2-1 first round win was their first since 1964.

All things being equal, Pan Hellenic have always found it difficult to handle Croatia, whose thoughtful play usually baffles their hard-running, all-action players.

### APIA v. Yugal 7-1-5

Yugal's 3-0 win in the first round was one of the big upsets of the championship.

APIA that day foolishly fielded all their newly-

arrived Argentinians, some of whom have never made the first team since.

The win on April 7 was Yugal's first in six competition matches.

### SCU. v. St. George 4-2-9

The last two matches at Woonona ended in 0-0 draws.

Saints have only won twice "away", in 1962, when they won the championship and, strangely enough, also in 1965 when South Coast finished top of the league, ahead of St. George, on goal-average.

### Hakoah v. Canterbury 7-4-8

The first round match ended sensationally when it was abandoned with Hakoah leading 2-1.

Hakoah were awarded the two points, giving them yet another win over their once formidable rivals in recent years.

The Berries were only successful once in the last 10 matches — last season when they won 3-1 at Arlington Oval.

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### MELITA EAGLES

EATON  
BANKHEAD  
DE BRUIN  
ROBINSON  
HEWLETT  
DUFFY  
NEMET  
AZZOPARDI  
THORNE  
GOLDIE  
QUESTED

### MANLY

TUINMAN  
McGRATH  
BROOKS  
JONES  
CAMPBELL  
JAGGER  
HUGHES  
HENRY  
NUTT  
HARRIS  
WALLER

### PRAGUE

KING  
HARCOMBE  
TRACEY  
BLACKER  
ZEMAN  
MOLNAR  
GAUTO  
MANUEL  
SCHEINFLUG  
HOGGART  
ARMYTAGE

### POLONIA

DREWNIAK  
ADDISON  
SKIBA  
ADAMSON  
DZIALACH  
KOMODER  
POVEY  
MINOL  
KULAK  
KRAWIARZ  
SWOBODA

### CROATIA

CORRY  
LINCOLN  
SLOAN  
CURRY  
SHEPHERD  
WRIGHT  
REYNOLDS  
JOHNSON  
GILES  
P. CUSH  
F. CUSH

### PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE  
JOHNSTON  
HIGNETT  
McCULLOCH  
COLE  
WESTWATER  
KARYANNIS  
SMITH  
BLITZ  
LARAMAN  
LOGAN

### APIA

TAYLOR  
VAN BLERK  
ACKERLEY  
HUGHES  
SAMBROOK  
BOTTALICO  
McKINNON  
CAMPANA  
GIACOMETTI  
CAMPBELL  
SILEONI

### YUGAL

LIJIC  
PACANIN  
CRNICH  
LANG  
BANICEVIC  
RAFANELI  
J. ALAGICH  
M. ALAGICH  
HALPIN  
EDWARDS  
VOLAR

### HAKOAH

FUZES  
STEWART  
HILLSDON  
FEKETE  
MARNOC  
D. YAAGER  
EDMUNDS  
SPILAREWICZ  
BARNETT  
WATKISS  
JONES

### CANTERBURY

LINDSAY  
WHITEHEAD  
HARDY  
STRIDELIS  
TAYLOR  
ROMANOS  
GALBRAITH  
RINOS  
HOOD  
KAUZ  
HILLHOUSE

### SOUTH COAST

RAMAGE  
BARNES  
CUTHBERT  
ANDERSON  
CARR  
DAVIES  
BEATTIE  
ALSTON  
TOLSON  
McGARRY  
McGRATH

### ST. GEORGE

HOPKINS  
NUTTALL  
HILLARY  
SCHAEFER  
MORGAN  
ZUCKERMAN  
HARRIS  
CLISS  
WARREN  
SANDELL  
FERNANDEZ

## RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0		1-0	2-2		5-1					
St. George		●	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-2			1-0	
Croatia	1-1		●		0-2	2-2	3-1					2-0
Pan Hellenic		2-1		●		3-0	1-4		4-1	2-0	2-0	3-1
Hakoah			2-0		●		4-3	0-0			3-1	
Canterbury	1-4				1-2	●			0-3	2-1		3-1
Prague						6-0	●		3-0	1-0	1-1	
Polonia	1-3		1-0	1-3		2-1	2-2	●	3-1		1-1	
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3		1-1				●	0-1	1-1	3-3
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2	1-2		0-0			1-3		●		
South Coast	3-1		7-1			7-2				2-0	●	1-2
Manly	3-3	0-3			0-3	1-2	1-2		0-1		●	





## ROUND THE WORLD

### Olympic tournament draw

The draw for the Olympic Games soccer tournament was made in Rome last week. The 16 countries have been split into the following four groups: "A", Mexico, France, Colombia, Algeria (or Guinea); "B", Spain, Brazil, Nigeria, Japan; "C", Hungary, San Salvador, Israel, Ghana (or Morocco); "D", Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Guatemala, Thailand. The first two in each group will qualify for the quarterfinals.

### Intercontinental Cup dates

Manchester United, the European champions, and South American champions, Estudiantes de la Plata (Argentina) will meet on September 4 and 25 for the Intercontinental Cup. The first leg will be played at Buenos Aires. In the event of a third match being necessary, it will be played either in Hamburg or at Amsterdam.

### World Club Championship

The creation of a world championship for club teams will be discussed at the FIFA Congress in Mexico before the Olympic Games. The European, South American, Central and North American, Asian and African champions would participate. So far there has been no mention of the champion club from the Oceania Confederation taking part, but since Australia will be represented at the Mexico Congress, our delegates may press for the inclusion of the winner of an Oceanic Champions' Cup, which has yet to be organised.

### Knock-out — Bene, Bene...

The biggest score for many years in the Hungarian championship was the 11-0 win of Ujpest over a reserve-ridden Szeged. Dunai scored five and Bene four of the goals.

### High voltage

AEK, the Athenian club of the Electricity Works, won the Greek championship. Their coach is Hungarian born Jano Csaknady who may now accept a very lucrative West German offer.

### Keen to learn

The Japanese Football Association has decided to send their best coaches to Europe for a 12-month study tour "to ensure that Japan learns all there is to learn about modern soccer." (When do we reach this stage?)

### Puskas punished

Ferenc Puskas, now coaching the Vancouver Royals in the US Pro League, was suspended for two weeks for "disrespectful behaviour". At a recent match Puskas, upset by a dubious refereeing decision, rushed on the field and, with his once famous left foot, kicked the ball out of the ground.

The "Capitals' Cup" is the name of yet another European Cup series that was proposed by the President of the Swiss club, Young Boys. This would have been staged exclusively for teams from capital cities. The European Union has rejected the plan out of hand claiming that there are too many cups already. Young Boys, by the way, are from Berne — the capital of Switzerland.

● FC Nurnberg won the West German championship with 47 points. Werder Bremen were second, three points behind.

● In Austria, Rapid have won the "double." They beat GAK 2-1 in the Cup final after taking out the league. Innsbruck were runners-up in the championship and Radenthein and First Vienna relegated.

● FC Bruges won the Belgian Cup final — on penalty kicks. The final against Beerschot ended in a 1-1 draw, but Bruges scored five penalties out of five while Beerschot only managed three.

● Ajax have dethroned Feyenoord in Holland and are the new champions.

● Ajax Amsterdam won the Dutch title for the third consecutive season. They finished three points ahead of arch-rivals, Feyenoord (Rotterdam).

● Red Star Belgrade beat Second Division B.O.R. (a miners' team) 7-1 in the Yugoslav Cup final.

● There was a three-way tie at the top of the Swiss competition. FC Zurich, Grasshoppers, also of Zurich, and Lugano all finished with 38 points. They will play-off on neutral grounds for the title because goal-average is not decisive in Switzerland.

● Eusebio underwent an operation on his left knee last week. He should have recovered in time for the start of the Portuguese season early in September.

● Santos won the Sao Paulo (Brazil) championship with a near-record 11-point margin over second-placed Corinthians. Santos are now touring Europe. The first leg of their journey took the Pele-team to Italy where they beat Cagliari 2-1 in their first match.

● Brazil defeated Uruguay 2-0 at Sao Paulo in their annual Rio Branco Cup encounter. The match marked the 100th national team selection of veteran Brazilian fullback, Djalma Santos.

● FC Koln, fourth in the Bundesliga championship, won the West German Cup. At Ludwigshafen they beat the regional club, VfL Bochum, 4-1, in the final.

● Ferencvaros drew 2-2 with Bologna in the second leg of their Fair Cities' Cup semifinals. The Hungarians qualify to meet Leeds in the final on a 4-3 aggregate. The final will be played in September.

## WA AGAIN GOES TO THE MERDEKA CUP

— From ROBERT LEONG —

KUALA LUMPUR — The absence of the Australian national team from this year's Merdeka Tournament has again disappointed Malaysian FA officials and fans alike.

The Malaysian public was looking forward to see the winners of the 1967 Vietnam National Day Tournament in action against Asia's best.

Australia's repeated refusal to appear at Asia's leading football tournament continues to puzzle local officials.

Western Australia, however, has agreed to participate in the series again this year, but this is small consolation indeed for the absence of the crowd-pulling Australian national team.

Don't let the small attendance the Australians attracted here last year, and at Ipoh

in December 1965, fool you. Interest in soccer is non-existent at that time of the year in Malaysia.

Soccer fever is this country is at its peak between May and September, with the Merdeka Tournament — in mid-August — the nation's top sporting attraction.

The FAM, organisers of the Merdeka, have issued invitations to 11 nations and to Western Australia this year.

So far eight have definitely accepted: Burma, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, South Vietnam and South Korea, Western Australia, and Malaysia, the hosts.

## Strict checks on English clubs

Football League president Len Shipman warned clubs at the annual meeting in London recently that the management committee planned snap inspections of selected clubs' books from next season.

As a result of the investigations of Peterborough United and Port Vale, the committee felt that due regard was not being paid to the League regulations.

He also warned those who bought players on the "never-never" and didn't pay up on time.

There is to be no loophole for "welshers".

The League are concerned at the increasing number of teams who did not meet such commitments promptly.

In future, all relevant documents must be in the hands of the League before a registration is accepted.

They want the chance to vet contracts.

The last-minute transfer is now out.

Registration must be sent to the League 48 hours before a man plays.

Port Vale, who were expelled and fined \$4500 for alleged illegal payments, were

voted back into the Fourth Division.

This makes the punishment handed out to Peterborough — fined \$1200 and demoted to Division Four for a breach of the payments-to-players regulations — seem tougher than ever.

The delaying of a team announcement will be a costly affair.

The referee and their opponents must be given the team and substitute half-an-hour before the kick-off, otherwise the club faces a \$220 fine.

The minimum admission charge goes up from four to five shillings and referees and linesmen will get bigger subsistence allowances.

Visiting clubs will in future enjoy a minimum gate guarantee of \$440, instead of \$220.

Sam Bolton of Leeds was appointed a vice-president and Manchester United chairman, Louis Edwards, joins the Management Committee.



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YUGOSLAVIA: OFK Belgrade v. Olimpija 5-0; Sara-

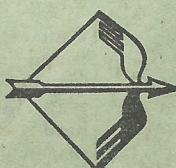
jevo v. Red Star 1-1; Partizan v. Zeljeznicar 1-1; Maribor v.

Hajduk Split 1-1; Radnicki v. Vojvodina 1-1; Rijeka v. Dinamo Zagreb 1-3; Zagreb v.

SPAIN (Cup): Zaragoza v. Real Madrid 0-2; Atletico

Velez 3-1; Proleter v. Vardar 3-0.

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## Cook's tour of Melbourne

# AZZURRI-PERTH GOT A RAW DEAL IN CUP

— By BOB LOW —

I can imagine the screams of Victorian or NSW clubs had any of them had to travel to three Australia Cup matches in a matter of a few weeks.

Yet, this is what poor relation — Azzurri of Perth — are being asked to do in this year's hit-and-miss competition, which has certainly backfired in attendances and has whipped up so little enthusiasm in Melbourne that few fans are really aware of the sides which have reached the quarterfinals.

It's scandalous to have asked Azzurri to first travel to Adelaide, then to Melbourne, in mid-week into the bargain, and then have the audacity to once more make them pay the price for their successes by compelling them to return to Victoria for their quarter-final game against Juventus.

No wonder West Australian Federation president, Julius Re, was once tempted to break away from the ASF and seek some affiliation in Asia.

However, Azzurri officials were not downhearted when I spoke to them after their success against South Melbourne Hellas.

And one said: "After beating the Hellas teams of both South Australia and Victoria, we are confident even in Melbourne we can make it a hat-trick by beating Juventus as well."

"And at least we will then be able to prove that West Australian soccer is much better than many realise it is."

## HUNGARIA OUT!

Hakoah qualified for the quarter-finals of the Australia Cup when they beat the holders, Melbourne-HSC, at St. Kilda Cricket Ground on the Queen's Birthday holiday Monday, by winning 4-2.

## ALEXANDER'S PROBLEMS

Winning promotion to the State League several years back, Alexander dropped back

to First Division in 1964, got promoted again the next year, and for 1966 when they finished third bottom and 1967 second bottom they remained a doubtful acquisition to top soccer in Victoria.

Today, however, Alexander, without being great, have pulled their socks up and, as well as occupying a respectable position on the league ladder, are number two draw-card as far as attendances go after their compatriots — SM Hellas.

The improvement which has been attained in team-building and results has not been without considerable sacrifice from their management who have obviously dipped deep to bring more than a few good class players from Greece who have blended in well with the other nationalities of the team under the eagle eye of player-coach, Johnny Margarites.

Despite the fact they are a reasonable outfit, financial problems restrict them from boosting their chances further.

Had they the necessary ready cash available, Alexander could have flown three more good players from Greece some time ago.

Why should this be so, when they have proved this season they are the biggest Saturday drawcard at Olympic Park?

Truth is, like many more clubs, their net income from a home game is dwarfed by the over-heads and wages, etc., they dole out on a fortnightly basis.

And more so if they happen to win a home game and draw an away match as they did recently.

One personal problem Alexander have to overcome, too, is the fact that many of the newcomers they have brought from Greece, speak little or no English, have no trades or professions, with the result the club find it extremely difficult to provide suitable employment for them on arrival.

Quite often the club has had to bear the expense, and often for considerable periods, of those players unfortunate to be in this category.

## INTER-STATE SOCCER

## VICTORIAN RESULTS

Hakoah 3 (Armstrong 2, Smith) v. Slavia 2 (Reid, Kerr); Lions 2 (Aldis, Murney) v. JUST 1 (Tomic); Hellas 2 (Damenakos, Pyrgolios) v. Croatia 1 (McMeehan); Wilhelm 4 (Steele 2, Atkins, Kercken) v. Polonia 3 (Gadja, Adamczyk, Gadecki); Alexander 3 (Mangopoulos, Andrikoulas, Papanastasiou) v. Melbourne-HSC 2 (Myers, Gregal); (George Cross 3 (McCallum 3) v. Juventus 0.

## VICTORIAN TABLE

Hakoah	7	2	1	21	8	16
Hellas	6	3	1	21	11	15
George Cross	5	3	2	22	12	13
Polonia	4	4	2	18	12	12
Croatia	5	1	4	12	8	11
Slavia	4	3	3	14	12	11
Alexander	4	2	4	16	20	10
Lions	3	3	4	8	11	9
Wilhelm	3	2	5	16	16	8
Melbourne	2	3	5	12	20	7
Juventus	2	3	5	13	24	7
JUST	0	1	9	5	24	1

## MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Alexander v. Hakoah at Olympic Park, Lions v. Polonia at Essendon, Juventus v. Wilhelm at St. Kilda.

Sunday: Slavia v. Croatia, JUST v. Melbourne, SM Hellas v. George Cross.

## ADELAIDE RESULTS

Hellas 1 (Byrne) v. Beograd 0; Cumberland 4 (Walowski 1 Gormley, Kowzapa, Nowak) v. Polonia 4 (Marciniak 2, Manka, Typek); Victoria 3 (Wright, Felton, Whincup) v. Elizabeth 0; Croatia 3 (Slager, Basic, Kavalenti) v. Austria 0, Lion v. Juventus 0-0.

## S A TABLE

Hellas	7	1	1	29	9	15
Lion	6	1	2	14	6	14
Juventus	5	2	2	14	5	12
Polonia	5	2	2	18	12	12
Beograd	4	2	3	15	9	11
Croatia	4	4	1	11	9	9
Victoria	4	4	1	12	13	9
Austria	1	6	2	8	20	4
Cumberland	—	7	2	9	26	2
Elizabeth	1	—	8	4	25	2

## S.A. PROGRAM

Juventus v. Croatia — Olympic Sports Field.  
Austria v. Victoria — Croydon Park.

Elizabeth City v. Polonia — Ramsay Park.  
Cumberland v. WA Hellas — Bailey Reserve.

USC Lion v. Beograd — Hindmarsh Stadium.

## QUEENSLAND TABLE

Azzurri	6	2	1	14	4	14
Hollandia	5	3	1	30	12	13
Grange Thistle	5	2	2	23	15	12
Hellenic	3	3	3	16	18	9
Polonia	4	1	4	12	13	9
St. Helens	3	4	2	16	17	8
Merton	3	2	4	17	16	8
Oxley	2	3	4	17	24	7
Latrobe	2	2	4	9	24	6
Coalstars	1	2	6	9	18	4

## INTERSTATE SCORES

QUEENSLAND  
Grange-Thistle v. Hellenic 3-1, Azzurri v. St. Helens 3-1, Merton v. Oxley 7-3, Hollandia v. Latrobe 7-1, Polonia v. Coalstars 3-1.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
Second Division: Budapest v. Port Adelaide 2-0, Malta v. Sturt 1-1, Don v. Para Hills 0-0, Birkalla v. Campbelltown 1-0, Azzurri v. Windsor 3-1.

TASMANIA  
South: South Hobart v. Juventus 1-3, University v. Rapids 1-2, Eagles v. Croatia 2-1, Olympia v. Callies 5-1. North: Ulverstone v. Devonport 2-1, Spartans v. Rovers 4-2.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
Swan Valley v. Cottesloe 0-1, Azzurri v. Swan Athletic 2-0, Tricolore v. Athena 4-5, Windmills v. Olympic 4-2.

One argument I couldn't agree with in a recent chat with a leading Alexander official was his statement that the State League Fixtures Committee had not helped their finances by allowing the club to clash with South Melbourne Hellas too often.

I fully agree that by keeping the Greek pair apart on Saturdays and Sundays would mean a big boost to both of their gates.

But checking on the fixture card for the first 11 games of the season I find they have been in opposition on only two occasions — once on a Saturday and once on a Sunday.

Not bad I would say.

## Big brother goes free

The fact that Scottish First Division club Partick Thistle have signed Eddie Monahan, the Ayr United centre-half, at no cost after the Second Division club failed to register and retain him with the Scottish Football Association, won't cause any heartbreaks or heartaches in Australia.

But an interesting slant on Monahan, who stands 6'3", is the fact he is the brother of Ian Monahan, the former centre-forward of Hakoah who, after nearly two seasons in Victorian soccer, recently returned to his former club — Lions in Adelaide.

Ian was also a six footer plus.

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New Juventus coach Dave McIntosh, the former Hakoah and Victorian full-back who as team boss of First Division side Sunshine City pitched them into the limelight last season when they beat both Melbourne and Alexander in the Dockerty Cup, is a man who prefers deeds to words.

The former Stirling Albion defender, who had several years with Glasgow Rangers as a qualified physiotherapist, has already refused to make any bold predictions on how Juventus will fare under his authority.

He has said, however, that Juventus have considerable talent on their books, agrees they have problems in defence, and will take all the necessary steps to remedy this and has emphasised that although numerical systems are all the rage these days, he will not attempt any for which he considers his players may be unsuitable.

McIntosh with his considerable experience in soccer in Britain and Australia seldom if ever gets upset, and he has a happy knack with his persuasive powers of getting the best out of the players under his command.

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Two State League players left for the UK last month.

They were Tommy Roseweir, the Lions centre-forward for the past three seasons who has played for Victoria, and Phil Copeland, a utility player and former first team member of George Cross.

— Bob Low

## WITH THE AMATEURS

## SOME SHOCK DEFEATS AGAIN LAST WEEK

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

University of New South Wales played above themselves at Artarmon Park last Saturday to take a point from the First Division leader, Artarmon.

The draw was particularly meritorious, as Wales were without two of their best forwards, Don Sutherland and David Chantrill.

Throughout the game Artarmon seemed to have a little in hand, but into the second half the University started to edge them a little, and the equalising goal for Wales came 12 minutes from the end.

Concordia confirmed its place in the First Division top four by downing Thistle 2-1 at Steele Park.

Jeff Kelly starred for the rising Marrickville team in its 5-0 win over Blacktown at Mackey Park.

Kelly's distribution was a big factor in Marrickville's play, and in addition he scored two from the wing-half position.

Guildford and Enmore, first and second placed respectively in Second Division, both slumped on Saturday.

Riverside had the better of the match at Guildford Park.

Their superiority on the day was particularly noticeable in the forwards, as their wingers had a very good match, and also in the air, as their defence often cut the ball off from Guildford's forwards.

Riverside scored immediately the game started, notched another, and gained the winning goal from a corner just before the final whistle.

Frank Sands netted one for the losers, and Graham Hann hit a sizzling drive home for the other.

Auburn are now in the middle of the table following their shock 2-1 win over the keen Enmore team.

Gladesville-Hornsby, Condell Park and Rovers are all bunched together at the head of the Third Division.

Condell Park just gained a 2-1 win at Dee Why, but Rovers netted from the kick-off against West Ryde, who were unsettled and had to put up with a 2-9 loss.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION  
Belmore v. Wentby 0-3 4-2  
Marrickville v. Blacktown 5-0 5-0  
Concordia v. Thistle 2-1 5-1  
Artarmon v. NSW Uni. 1-1 8-1

SECOND DIVISION  
Kewpies v. Yagoona 1-1 1-2  
Guildford v. Riverside 2-3 4-0  
Warringah v. Syd. Uni. 4-0 9-0  
Auburn v. Enmore 2-1 4-1  
Arncliffe v. Penrith 0-3 8-1

THIRD DIVISION  
G'ville-H'by v. Greenacre 5-1 4-0  
Condell Park v. Dee Why 2-1 1-4  
Rovers v. West Ryde 9-2 2-1

FOURTH DIVISION  
Padstow Park v. Chelsea 4-4 5-2  
Ku-ring-gai v. Prospect 4-2 5-2

## THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 22  
First Division: Thistle v. Artarmon — Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Second Division: Auburn Juniors v. Yagoona — Progress Park, Arncliffe, Scots v. Gympie, Cahill Park, Sydney Uni. v. Penrith — St. Paul's Oval.

Third Division: Gladesville-Hornsby v. Dee Why — Pennant Hills Oval, All Stars v. Revesby Workers — Jones Park.

Fourth Division: Ku-ring-gai v. Beverly Hills, Asquith Park, Maroubra v. Liverpool Eagles — Paine Reserve.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

First Division: Belmore v. Blacktown — Rudd Park, Lidcombe v. South Sydney — Coleman Park, Concordia v. East Side-MTK — Steel Park, Wentby Waratahs v. NSW Uni. — Jones Park.

Second Division: St. Marys v. Riverside Rapids — Ridge Park, Guildford v. Kewpies — Guildford Park, Warringah Saints v. Enmore — Dee Why Oval.

Third Division: Rovers v. Greenacre — Loftus Oval.

Fourth Division: Prospect v. Chelsea — Jardine Park, Padstow Park v. Campbelltown — Padstow Park, Central United v. Newtown Progressives — Waverley No. 2.

## Sydney Juniors

## RESULTS &amp; TABLES

All-Age: Bankstown 2 Canterbury 1; Wests 4 Ku-ring-gai 2.

Under-21: Granville 9 Sutherland 0; Manly 2 Canterbury 0; Gladesville 5 Wests 1.

Under-18: Sutherland 3 Canterbury 2; Manly 8 Wests 0; St. George 2 Ku-ring-gai 1.

Under-16: Bankstown 3 St. George 1; Canterbury 4 Manly 0; Norths 3 Sutherland 2; St. Districts 5 Gladesville 1.

Under-15: Bankstown 7 St. George 2; Easts 2 Manly 0; Granville 1 Sutherland 1; Gladesville 6 Nepean 2.

Under-14: Bankstown 7 St. George 1; Canterbury 1 Manly 1; Sutherland 6 Granville 0; Gladesville 5 Nepean 0.

Under-13: Nepean 3 Bankstown 1; Granville 6 Norths 0; Ku-ring-gai 3 St. George 2; Gladesville 4 Wests 0; Manly 5 Canterbury 0.

Under-12: Bankstown 7 Nepean 1; Granville 6 Norths 0; Sutherland 1 St. Districts 0; Gladesville 3 Wests 1; Manly 5 Canterbury 2; Ku-ring-gai 1 St. George 1.

Under-11: Bankstown 3 Nepean 1; Granville 9 Norths 0; St. George 4 Ku-ring-gai 1; Sutherland 11 Easts 0; Gladesville 1 Wests 1.

Under-10: Bankstown 5 Nepean 0; Granville 5 Norths 1; St. George 2 Ku-ring-gai 1; Sutherland 5 Easts 0; Gladesville 4 Wests 2; Canterbury 1 Manly 0.

Under-9: Bankstown 4 Nepean 1; Norths 3 Granville 1; St. George 1 Ku-ring-gai 0; Sutherland 10 Easts 0; Gladesville 5 Wests 0; Canterbury 3 St. Districts 0.

Under-8: Nepean 2 Bankstown 1; Granville 3 Norths 0; St. George 0 Ku-ring-gai 0; Sutherland 1 St. Districts 0; Wests 1 Gladesville 0; Canterbury 2 Manly 0.

Bankstown	9	—	2	38	14	18
St. Districts	7	2	1	27	5	16
St. George	6	3	2	31	18	15
Canterbury	6	1	3	32	18	13
Sutherland	5	1	5	23	21	11
Norths	3	3	5	11	23	9
Wests	4	—	5	15	17	8
Gladesville	4	—	7	26	37	8
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	7	8	23	3
Manly	1	1	9	10	45	3

Bankstown	10	1	—	40	10	21
Gladesville	9	1	1	41	12	19
Easts	6	4	1	23	14	16
Wests	5	2	3	20	13	12
Sutherland	4	2	5	15	24	10
Granville	4	2	5	20	24	10
Manly	2	3	6	11	18	7
St. George	3	1	7	20	41	7
Nepean	2	1	8	12	26	5
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	9	4	24	1

Bankstown	10	—	1	77	8	20
Sutherland	9	1	1	45	11	19
Gladesville	8	—	3	45	12	16
Manly	6	1	3	30	12	9
Canterbury	6	1	3	32	12	13
Granville	3	2	5	13	36	8
Wests	2	3	4	7	17	7
Nepean	2	2	7	17	43	6
St. George	2	1	8	19	48	5
Ku-ring-gai	—	1	9	8	50	1

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## S. A. may restrict foreign imports

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

"A general revision of policy", was to be the major text of a special meeting of the SA Federation held last night (Thursday, June 20).

The meeting, held as we went to press, was expected to forward a recommendation to clubs that restrictions be placed on the number of imports fielded by SA clubs.

It had previously been recommended that clubs must field at least three players who have played soccer in Australia before their 18th birthday.

However, it has now been realised that many clubs are already doing this and that an attack at the opposite end, would bring more effective results.

It is difficult to predict the reaction of the clubs to a virtual ban on imports.

Some clubs which have consistently had their "fingers burned" by buying over-the-hill "internationals", are still likely to fall for the three-card trick.

Another important item on last night's agenda was the new registration pro-

posals to introduce identity cards and professional and amateur contract forms for players.

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WA Hellas attacker, Billy Birch, will get a golden opportunity to force his way into Australia's World Cup squad when SA plays Cardiff City on June 29.

Assessed on current club form, Birch would be the first man chosen for the State side.

Australian national team coach, Joe Vlasits will be in Adelaide for the Cardiff game and he is the man who SA's aspiring internationals will have to impress.

Asian tourists, Roger Romanowicz and Ted De Lyster, also seem certain of inclusion in the SA side.

Beograd youngster, Mitia Marusic, although an "unknown", is the type of ball-playing winger who could also impress.



## Competition Tables

### FIRST DIVISION

GRADE II.									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Prague	9	1	2	34	9	18			
APIA	8	2	1	27	12	18			
SCU	8	—	—	37	18	16			
St. George	7	—	—	42	18	14			
Melita Eagles	6	—	—	52	25	12			
Hakoah	5	1	5	16	10	11			
Pan Hellenic	5	—	—	6	18	10			
Polonia	3	3	5	22	29	9			
Croatia	3	3	5	14	20	9			
Canterbury	4	1	6	15	27	9			
Manly	2	—	—	9	12	30			
Yugal	1	—	—	10	6	30			

GRADE III.									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Croatia	9	1	1	28	9	19			
St. George	8	1	2	21	14	17			
Prague	7	1	3	23	14	15			
Pan Hellenic	5	3	3	11	9	13			
Canterbury	5	3	3	19	17	13			
SCU	5	2	4	25	14	12			
Hakoah	5	2	4	19	16	12			
Yugal	3	5	3	16	15	11			
APIA	3	1	7	11	19	7			
Melita Eagles	2	2	7	20	31	6			
Manly	1	2	8	11	28	4			
Polonia	1	1	9	11	27	3			

### SECOND DIVISION

GRADE I.									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Auburn	9	1	1	32	12	19			
Bankstown	9	1	1	26	10	19			
Sutherland	7	2	2	21	18	16			
Western Subs.	7	1	3	28	17	15			
Marconi	5	3	4	18	12	13			
Granville	5	2	5	24	23	12			
N. Bankstown	4	2	6	21	32	10			
Balgownie	3	4	5	20	18	10			
NS-Inter	3	2	6	14	30	8			
Corinthians	3	1	7	14	25	7			
Lane Cove	2	—	—	9	15	28			
Hornsby-NE	1	1	9	22	31	3			

GRADE II.									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Western Subs.	10	1	—	38	5	21			
Bankstown	8	1	2	45	14	17			
Balgownie	9	—	—	35	13	18			
Marconi	7	2	3	21	13	16			
Auburn	5	3	3	29	18	13			
Sutherland	6	1	4	31	20	13			
Hornsby-NE	6	1	4	21	22	13			
Granville	4	—	—	26	37	8			
Lane Cove	4	—	—	7	12	44			
N. Bankstown	1	2	9	14	33	4			
Corinthians	1	2	8	10	29	4			
NS-Inter	—	1	10	15	46	1			

GRADE III.									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Bankstown	10	—	—	49	7	20			
Western Subs.	9	1	1	55	9	19			
Sutherland	7	3	1	44	16	17			
N. Bankstown	8	2	2	28	13	18			
Granville	7	2	3	35	25	16			
Auburn	5	—	—	60	28	10			
Balgownie	5	1	6	19	22	11			
Hornsby-NE	4	1	6	18	19	9			
Lane Cove	3	1	7	21	36	7			
NS-Inter	2	1	8	17	33	5			
Marconi	1	—	—	11	8	44			
Corinthians	1	—	—	10	10	81			

### INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Arianon	8	4	—	27	8	19			
Wentley	8	1	3	35	14	18			
Thistle	7	1	4	33	17	15			
Concordia	6	2	4	22	20	14			
Belmore	3	6	3	20	24	12			
Marrickville	5	3	4	29	19	13			
South Sydney	4	2	4	13	15	10			
Blacktown	4	1	7	21	38	9			
Eastside-MTK	4	—	—	7	19	27			
Uni. NSW	3	1	6	15	23	8			
Lidcombe	3	1	7	13	27	7			
Ryde	1	2	7	8	22	4			

SECOND DIVISION									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Guildford	10	—	—	28	10	20			
Enmore	9	1	2	43	13	19			
Warringah	8	2	2	41	15	18			
Riverside	9	—	—	34	23	18			
Yagoona	8	2	2	23	16	18			
St. Marys	6	1	4	34	32	13			
Auburn	4	—	—	8	20	32			
Sydney Uni.	2	3	7	19	31	7			
Penrith	2	3	7	23	42	7			
Kewpies	2	2	8	17	27	6			
Arncliffe Scots	3	—	—	9	13	29			
Gymea	1	—	—	10	14	49			

THIRD DIVISION									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Rovers	8	—	—	20	12	16			
G'ville-H'by	7	2	2	32	13	16			
Condell Pk.	7	2	2	31	18	16			
Revesby	6	—	—	43	26	14			
Dee Why	4	3	3	22	19	11			
All Stars	5	1	3	18	17	11			
West Ryde	3	1	6	21	26	7			
F'field-Kiev	2	1	5	17	32	5			
Greenacre	1	1	7	15	45	3			
Smithfield	—	1	9	16	47	1			

FOURTH DIVISION									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
Campbelltown	9	—	—	33	11	18			
Liverpool	7	—	—	26	13	14			
Padstow Park	4	3	3	32	30	11			
Beverly Hills	3	3	3	22	21	9			
Maroubra	4	1	4	18	21	9			
Prospect	3	2	5	21	18	8			
Newtown	3	2	4	20	22	8			
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	6	31	29	7			
Central Utd.	2	1	6	14	29	5			
Chelsea	1	3	6	14	37	5			

## RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION									
	W	D	L	F	A	P			
M'coni v. N. B'town	4-1	1-0	0-1						
G'ville v. B'gownie	3-3	0-2	1-1						

### LEADING SCORERS

Alston (SCU)	8
Smith (Pan Hellenic)	8
Beartz (Hakoah)	7
Cliss (St. George)	7
R. Cosh (Croatia)	7
J. Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	7
Krawiarz (Polonia)	7
G. Manuel (Prague)	7
Edwards (Yugal)	6
McGarry (SCU)	6

# SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION MATCH OF THE ROUND AT MACARTHUR PARK

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Marconi's convincing win over North Bankstown not only moved them up into fifth place, but also sounded a warning to all their opponents.

And with their forward line functioning at full steam, Marconi's prospects never looked better.

The draw between Granville and Balgownie resulted in more alterations to the table with Balgownie going up to seventh and Granville slipping to sixth place.

There were only two matches played last weekend:

### Marconi v. North Bankstown 4-1

The \$700 paid by Marconi for the transfer of Chris Martin from Croatia produced its first dividends when he capably led the side to a sound victory.

Martin made all the difference and the normally goal-shy Marconi forward line was transformed into an effective, hard-hitting combination which in the

second round of the competition should prove troublesome to the stronger teams vying for promotion.

North Bankstown were only in the match in the first half and could do very little against the confident Marconi after the interval.

Norths hit the front early in the match when Tomasov scored an own goal but this was short-lived as soon after Martin headed the equaliser and Okorn netted the second goal to give Marconi the lead at half-time.

After the interval, Marconi were in full control and Gray and Martin added two more goals to give their side a comfortable win.

Marconi: Langelaar; Tomasov (o.g.), Scotti; Okorn (1), Milani, Shultz; Seni, Gray (1), Martin (2), Marchetto, Vibert.

### Granville v. Balgownie 3-3

It was a pity that only a small crowd turned out to watch this game which produced thrills and excitement rarely seen in Second Division football these days.

Granville took the lead after 10 minutes when Jeff Shepherd beat Jones from close range, but within twenty minutes Balgownie were leading 2-1, through goals by Hughes and Egbers.

Balgownie went further ahead just before the interval when Barnaba scored a third goal for the provincials.

After the resumption, Granville combined with more drive and determination, and by the half-way mark, were on level terms again through goals by Tamandl and Jeff Shepherd — the latter scoring the best goal of the match.

Granville: Sparkes; Pendleton, Staunton; Crelly, Lorenzutta, Dean; Dupont, Tamandl (1), Baaks, B. Shepherd, J. Shepherd (2).

Balgownie: Jones; Salisbury, McCulloch; Whitehead, Orphin, Simister; Martin, Muhlbauer, Hughes (1), Egbers (1), Barnaba (1).

### THIS WEEKEND

This weekend the competition will resume with a full round to be played on Saturday and Sunday.

The "match of the week" will take place on Sunday at Macarthur Park when Granville meet Bankstown United.

United, trailing Auburn on goal average, cannot afford to relax for a minute against the unpredictable Magpies who generally always produce their best against the toughest opposition.

Coach and sole selector, Bobby Wall, is sure to field the strongest side available and this should give Bankstown a hard match, but the visitors should win narrowly.

In other matches, Auburn clash with North Bankstown at George Green Oval, and although Auburn are favoured to win, it won't be easy.

Sutherland should account for NS-Inter at Seymour Shaw Park despite their 2-2 draw in the first round.

Inspired and confident, Marconi will probably beat Lane Cove by a big margin, while Western Suburbs should also register a comfortable victory against Hornsby.

Corinthians meet Balgownie at Jubilee Oval with the visitors the likely winners.

# Crowds almost up 30 per cent.

The most pleasing aspect of the Sydney First Division championship to date has been the marked increase in attendances.

There has been a sharp upward trend in the number of spectators every weekend, and if this continues in the return round of matches last season's dismal total attendance will be sensibly bettered.

The first half of the competition was watched by 183,520 spectators.

In 1967 the full 22 rounds had attracted only 298,000.

If the present upward surge continues, this figure should be surpassed six weeks hence as the weekly average attendance so far this year has been 16,683 spectators.

Last season the weekly average per championship round was only 13,545, and that was a slight increase on the previous year when the average per round was the lowest since 1959 — 13,445.

Thus, this season soccer has regained some 3,200 lost supporters — a most encouraging sign.

The closeness of the competition and the uncertainty, both at the top and the bottom of the ladder, suggest that crowds in the second round should even be bigger.

Given reasonable weather in the next 11 weeks, it would not surprise if the total championship attendance of the 22 rounds was something in the vicinity of 380,000 — a smacking 30 per cent increase on last season.

The very open championship, owing to APIA's return to the fold after dominating the local scene heads and shoulders for the past three years, close, exciting games, a definite rise in standards and a substantial increase of

spectators at South Coast matches at Woonona have all contributed to this rosy picture.

We are still a fair way off the 20,000-odd spectators per week of 1962, 1963 and 1964, but at least the alarming downward trend of the last three seasons has been arrested, and better still, definite gains have been made this year.

Pan Hellenic and APIA, as always, are way out in front in spectator appeal.

Hakoah and South Coast have made up lost ground behind the "big two", but Polonia's lowly drawing capacity comes as a shock in view of their surprisingly good performances to date.

Manly, with fair crowds at home, can be well satisfied they don't tail the field in the "drawing stakes" as many newly-promoted district clubs have invariably done over the years.

The total attendance for each club after 11 rounds is:

● Pan Hellenic	50,439
● APIA	50,087